

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
for Authority, Among Other Things, to Increase  
Rates and Charges for Electric and Gas Service  
Effective on January 1, 1999.

(U 39 M)

Application 97-12-020  
(Filed December 12, 1997)

Investigation into the Reasonableness of  
Expenses Related to the Out-Of-Service Status of  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company's El Dorado  
Hydroelectric Project and the Need to Reduce  
Electric Rates Related To This Non-Functioning  
Electric Generating Facility.

Investigation 97-11-026  
(Filed November 19, 1997)

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
for Authority, Among Other Things, to Decrease  
its Rates and Charges for Electric and Gas Service,  
and Increase Rates and Charges for Pipeline  
Expansion Service.

(Electric and Gas) (U 39 M)

Application 94-12-005  
(Filed December 9, 1994)

Order Instituting Investigation Into Rates,  
Charges, and Practices of Pacific Gas and Electric  
Company.

Investigation 95-02-015  
(Filed February 22, 1995)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING  
MODIFYING ORAL RULING  
(REHEARING PHASE)**

The oral ruling made at the February 13, 2002 prehearing conference provided that Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) would conduct a workshop on April 22, 2002. The purpose was to provide a forum for PG&E to explain and respond to questions about its showing in response to Decision 01-10-031 regarding 1998 recorded electric distribution plant. Thereafter, on May 2, 2002 parties would either prepare a joint submission reflecting any agreements reached at the workshop with respect to the outcome of this rehearing phase or, if such agreements were not reached, a jointly recommended procedural schedule.

By letter dated April 24, 2002, PG&E reports that the workshop was held, and requests that the May 2 submission date be eliminated so as to permit the parties to continue with discovery and negotiations regarding a joint evidentiary submission. If its request is granted, PG&E will provide a written status update on May 31, 2002. PG&E states that the Office of Ratepayer Advocates joins in the request. Good cause appearing,

**IT IS RULED** that Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) request is granted. The May 2, 2002 date set by oral ruling for a joint submission (Tr. PHC-3, p. 157) is vacated. PG&E shall provide the undersigned with a written status report on May 31, 2002.

Dated April 30, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MARK S. WETZELL

Mark S. Wetzell  
Administrative Law Judge

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Modifying Oral Ruling (Rehearing Phase) on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated April 30, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JACQUELINE GORZUCH  
Jacqueline Gorzuch

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